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On the cover:

Researchers who work with UNCW marine mammal experts Bill McLellan and Ann Pabst captured this photo of a newborn right whale and its mother off the coast of Jacksonville, Fla., in March 2010 while conducting an aerial survey of the area as part of a long-term marine mammal and sea turtle monitoring program sponsored by the U.S. Navy.

Dear alumni and friends,

The fall 2010 semester has been one of the most exciting at UNCW. We brought in another stellar group of freshmen with a record average SAT of 1170, the third highest in the UNC system. We earned outstanding national rankings, including our first-ever, top 5 placement from *U.S.News & World Report*. We opened the nursing school's new high-tech building and renovated Randall Library's first floor, creating a Learning Commons for students, faculty and staff.

At the Center for Marine Science, we celebrated construction of a new oyster research facility and held the groundbreaking for MARBIONC, a marine biotechnology building partially funded by a grant from the federal stimulus program. As you will see from the feature articles in this issue of *UNCW Magazine*, our faculty includes marine science experts respected nationally and internationally for their knowledge of marine mammals, deep sea corals and other oceanic life.

We brought Jimmy Bass back to UNCW as our new athletic director. He came to us from East Carolina University, where he spent the last three years as senior associate athletics director for external operations. Early in his career, Jimmy served as UNCW's first full-time athletics fundraiser. As executive director of the Seahawk Club and associate director of athletics, he bolstered our athletic scholarship efforts and pushed membership in the Seahawk Club from 250 to 1,100 in only three years.

Jimmy, our student-athletes, coaches and athletics staff are very excited about the direction our sports programs are taking, but they need your unwavering support to soar. So I hope you will make every effort to attend their competitions when you are on campus. Watch the games that are televised. Join the Seahawk Club. Buy a Teal Nation T-shirt from the bookstore and wear it with pride. The more alumni and friends like you participate, the better our athletics programs will become.

Many of you returned to campus in October for Fall Family and Alumni Weekend. The class reunions, legacy pinning ceremony and other events made the weekend very special. Mark your calendars now for Homecoming, Feb. 17-20, 2011. You don't want to miss the celebrations, TEALgate, games, parade, campus tours and open house. Visit www.uncw. edu/alumni/homecoming2011 for a complete schedule, registration and more information.

Homecoming 2011 will be very memorable for me since it will be my last as chancellor of UNCW. I am retiring next summer after eight years as chancellor. The extraordinary students, faculty and staff of this outstanding university have accomplished every goal we set for UNCW during 2003-04, my first year on campus. I knew from the moment I arrived that UNCW was destined for greatness. The foundation was here; the dedication, passion and commitment to excellence in teaching, research and regional engagement were here. My job was to bring all of those elements together and to keep the momentum going, especially during the economic recession and state budget crisis. I am so proud of the nationally recognized university that UNCW has become, and I deeply appreciate your support through the years.

With warmest wishes,

chancellor@uncw.edu

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo

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Celebrate with friends and family during these

iomecoming festivities

Events listed below take place on Saturday, Feb. 19 and are free unless otherwise noted (\$).

ALUMNI REUNIONS

Catch up with professors and former classmates at receptions to reminisce and share memories.

Cameron School of Business Alumni Breakfast 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Computer Information Systems Building

School of Nursing Alumni Breakfast

9:30-11:30 a.m. • Nursing Building

Communication Studies Alumni Brunch

10:30-12:30 p.m. • Leutze Hall

African American Graduate Association Luncheon

11-1 p.m. • Fisher Student Union

Housing & Residence Life Alumni Reunion

11:30-1:30 p.m.

Tent outside of Seahawk Crossing

Psychology Department Alumni Reception

Noon-2 p.m. • Fisher Student Center

Watson School of Education Alumni Reception

Noon-2 p.m. • Education Building

Transition Programs Reunion, Orientation Leaders & Seahawk Links

2-4 p.m. • Warwick Center

Class of 1986, 25-year Reunion

TEALIN' LIKE STUDENT, SOARING BACK TO SCHOOL

1:30 p.m.

Check in at Cameron Hall

Get a glimpse of life as a current UNCW student by attending class or touring a new building.

HOMECOMING PARADE

4:30 p.m.

Show your spirit and join the crowd to watch the parade soar through campus.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING TEALGATE (\$)

Join friends at the Alumni TEALgate tent to pre-game Seahawk style! Enjoy food and drinks, guest speakers, music and games prior to the men's basketball game. Game time to be determined; please visit www.uncw. edu/homecoming for details.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

The after-party is in the Burney Center immediately following the game. Celebrate with complimentary food, drinks and live music from The Schoolboys. Dance the night away!

SEAHAWK SPORTS

Alumni and friends are invited to attend men's and women's basketball games, baseball and many more events held throughout the weekend!

www.uncw.edu/homecoming

SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR NEW CHANCELLOR

Sixteen people with close ties to UNCW will be key to the institution's future as they seek a replacement for Rosemary DePaolo.

"We will have a role in selecting the next leader of UNCW, who will continue the course and take the university to an even higher level while maintaining the academic excellence this institution has seen under Chancellor DePaolo," said Wendy Murphy '93, chair of the board of trustees and the chancellor search committee. "Today we begin a new chapter in the history of UNCW."

"This is the most important work you will ever be asked to do on behalf of any institution," incoming UNC system president Thomas Ross told the committee on Nov. 12. "Institutions have different trajectories, and the one for UNCW is up and has been for some time. You want to find someone who can build on that legacy and not be satisfied with where you are. You are a school of choice for many students, and you want to remain that way."

After getting input from the campus and general community, developing a leadership statement specifying the qualities sought in the next chancellor and working with Atlanta-based Parker Executive Search to identify candidates, the committee will forward the names of three finalists by April 2011 to Ross and the UNC Board of Governors who will make the final decision on UNCW's next chancellor.

www.uncw.edu/chancellorsearch



Thomas Ross, UNC president elect, (center) charged the chancellor search committee with its responsibilities in November. Wendy Murphy '93, right, is chair, and George Teague, left, is one of seven university trustees serving on the committee.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

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Charles Evans

achievements

U.S.News and World Report

No. 5 among public master's institutions in the South

(UNCW has been on the top 10 elite listing for the past 13 years)

No. 13 among all 118 public and private master's universities in the South

On the list of up-and-coming master's universities

Forbes

No. 17 on 2010 list of America's Best College Buys for providing a high quality education at low costs to students

No. 2 among UNC system universities

Fiske Guide to Colleges

Second year named as one of the 300 best universities in the U.S. and Canada

Princeton Review

Seventh year on "Best in the Southeast" list

GI Jobs

Second year as one of the top military friendly schools in the nation, due to the benefits and opportunities offered to veteran students

244 percent increase from the fall 2009 to fall 2010 in the number of active duty students attending UNCW

Surfermag.com

One of top five East Coast surf colleges

Poets and Writers

Masters of Fine Arts in creative writing second nationally for creative nonfiction



NEW TRUSTEES

Fred Eshelman and H. David Swain are the newest members of the **UNCW Board of Trustees.**

Eshelman, founder and executive chairman of PPD Inc., and Swain, founder of Swain & Associates, a real estate services firm based in Wilmington, are thriving businessmen with a commitment to the future success of the university.

Both have strong connections to UNCW. Eshelman's wife April, daughter Kimberly and son-in-law Bryan Batten are alumni. In addition to the clinical research program, he supports scholarships and other programs for student-athletes.

"Fred Eshelman is known throughout North Carolina as an advocate and supporter of higher education," DePaolo said. "He is an accomplished innovator and entrepreneur who has inspired PPD to become a leading global contract research organization (CRO) over the past 25 years. UNCW is extremely fortunate to have a leader of Fred's distinction on our board of trustees, and we are particularly grateful for him to have invested in the formation of UNCW's clinical research program, provided by our School of Nursing."

Swain has been active on campus for many years, holding volunteer positions with the UNCW Endowment Board, the Cameron School of Business Executive Advisory Board, the Seahawk Club Board of Directors and the UNCW Board of Visitors, including a term as chair.





Eshelman

Swain

He and his wife Diane donate to the university, often choosing to support scholarships, such as the fund they created to benefit the children of New Hanover County employees. In 2009, the couple contributed a gift valued at \$1 million to establish the H. David and Diane Swain Center for Business and Economic Services in the Cameron School of Business.

"David Swain's appointment to the board reflects his dedication to serving our university as well as the Wilmington community," DePaolo said. "He is a wonderful friend and benefactor, a community leader who values education and shares UNCW's commitment to providing our students with the most powerful learning experience possible."

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Winding through the UNCW campus, Phase III of the 20-mile Cross City Trail is a crucial tie between sidewalks and bike trails from Monkey Junction to Wrightsville Beach.

"This project is connecting our community in so many ways, literally threading through neighborhoods, linking them together," Chancellor DePaolo said.

When completed, Phase III will stretch from South College Road to Mallard Drive through the UNCW campus and will connect sidewalks and bicycle lanes along Randall Parkway with Mallard Drive at Hooker Road. The trail will move through Autumn Hall and connect with the already completed

portion on Eastwood Road. Phase III will add three miles to the completed five miles of Phase I and II. This will make the Cross City Trail approximately 20 miles long, and it will stretch from Wade Park in the Monkey Junction area to the Wrightsville Beach drawbridge.

In June 28, Mayor Bill Saffo '83 announced that the city of Wilmington received \$2 million in federal stimulus funding for the final phase of the trail. "This multi-use path will allow us to get out of our cars and walk, jog and bike all across the city. This in turn will help make us healthier, make our roadways a little less crowded and our environment a little cleaner," said Saffo.

Meghan French '11

has a new home

With the goal of enhancing the "intellectual quality of life" in the Cape Fear region, UNCW ceremoniously opened the new home of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) in September. This institute is the only one at a publicly funded university in North Carolina and one of 120 nationwide.

"We're celebrating an idea – the idea is that learning should never end," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo stated during the ribbon cutting. The 3,200-square-foot building located across College Road from the campus encompasses a large classroom for 80 people equipped with a HD projector and sound system, small conference room for meetings and offices for OLLI staff.

What's more unique than the building are the "seasoned" students who will be using it. Since OLLI's inception in 2005, membership, which is open to anyone age 50 and over, has grown to more than 1,450 people. There are hundreds more who participate in the many courses, discussions and lectures OLLI offers each year.

Mary Walker, OLLI board chair, firmly believes that OLLI's success is due to the support from UNCW and its commitment to make OLLI a part of the community. "We are thrilled to have this opportunity to grow and having such a building that will take the program beyond our wildest dreams." Since 2005, the Bernard Osher Foundation of San Francisco has awarded UNCW \$1.85 million for lifelong learning programs.

Celia and Jim Strouse chose to retire in Wilmington, specifically because of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. After searching the East Coast, Celia recalled, "It wasn't until we contacted UNCW about continuing education that we found out about OLLI. From that point on we knew we wanted a university in our community."

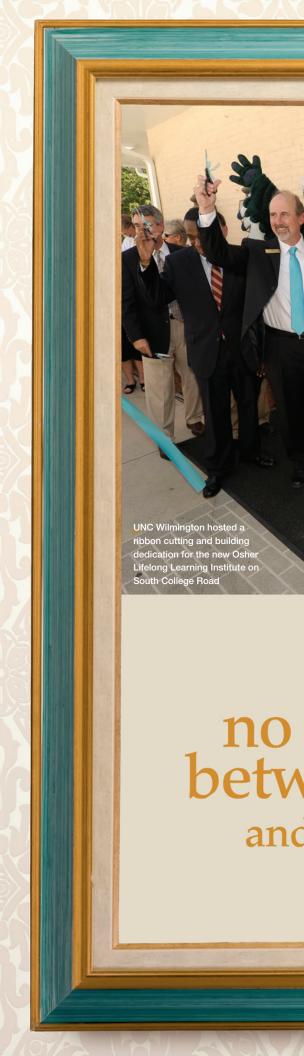
Now, the Strouses are entrenched in OLLI and love every minute of it. Celia stated, "These experiences are one of a kind and could have only been found through OLLI."

The couple believes that learning is just one aspect of education – social interaction is the other – "socialization is in itself rooted in education for the 50-plus age group."

When they were still new to OLLI, the Strouses would watch as good friends greeted each other. Jim would lean over to Celia and say, "Soon that will be us." Now, years later, they are students again with the biggest and best group of friends they say they've ever had.

OLLI offerings are listed online

www.uncw.edu/olli





There is difference yeen living learning.

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

OLLI members support the mission of the Osher Foundation's commitment for intellectual engagement and community involvement. They receive discounts on outstanding adult learning programs, develop a network of new friends and enjoy a gateway to university events.

OLLI Member (\$30 per semester)

- Discounts on all programs
- Invitations to member-only events
- * One academic course per semester
- Randall Library privileges
- Buy one, get one ticket for the Franz Liszt concert

OLLI Club (\$250 per semester)

- All member benefits plus ...
- * One Wilmington Symphony Orchestra ticket
- * Unlimited OLLI Societies per semester
- One lunch program per semester
- One dinner program per semester
- Unlimited academic courses
- Super Saturday Lecture

OLLI patrons can also make an additional monetary donation to assist in the university's effort to enhance the quality programs offered. As state funds continue to shrink, the need becomes greater for members to further support OLLI.

To become an active member of OLLI or make a contribution, please visit **www.uncw.edu/olli** or call **910.962.3644**. You can also join OLLI on Facebook.



Coughing, gasping for each breath, Vincent Brody moans to the nurse in the critical care unit.

"Help me, I'm going to die."

"Can't you do something for him," a frantic Mrs. Brody demands.

Ashton Brooks '11

The attending nurses calmly ask a series of questions to assess the situation.

One takes his temperature; another monitors his blood pressure and pulse. 99.1,

141 over 82, 90 – the numbers appear on the monitor next to Mr. Brody's bed.

They consult by phone with the doctor and begin a nebulizer treatment to help improve breathing. As Mr. Brody acknowledges he's feeling better, one of the nurses explains what will happen next as he is treated for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

This all-too-real scenario was played out not in a hospital, but in one of the eight simulation laboratories in UNCW's new \$30.1 million School of Nursing building.

The nurses are students, getting hands-on clinical experience with lifelike mannequins who talk, breath, sweat and respond just as an actual, living, breathing patient would. The labs, which take up most of the second floor of the 75,000-square-foot building, have a total of 16 simulation patients, from birthing women and a newborn baby to the most advanced \$80,000 wireless 3G Sim Man.



"Other than getting up and walking, he is like a real patient," said Debbie

"With the simulation labs, students will see clinical situations they may never see in an actual clinical setting," School of Nursing Director James McCann explained. Faculty overseeing the demonstrations can modify simulator programming by inserting changes to the condition of the "patient," testing students on their protocol methods during an emergency situation and helping them develop the critical thinking and technical skills necessary to be good practitioners.

"Airplane pilots were the first to use simulators. That's how the nursing and medical fields got the idea to do it," said Anne Zabriskie, simulation learning center coordinator. "This is definitely the way nursing education is going nationally."

Pollard, pre-licensure program coordinator.

UNCW School of Nursing

Built for \$30.1 million with state funding approved by N.C. General Assembly

75,000 square feet of academic and program space

10,000 square feet of simulation laboratory space

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10 classrooms and 200-seat lecture hall

'Smart" classrooms with media presentation technology for instructor use including a computer, LCD projector, document camera, DVD media playback and sound system

50-seat distance education classroom to support off-site programming, particularly the Onslow County Extension Program

188 pre-licensure students working toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

74 students in RN to BSN program

81 students working toward a Master of Science in Nursing

47 students working toward undergraduate degrees in clinical research

31 full-time, 12 part-time faculty



Cit's all about I | V | Natalie Price '11

When young adults are contemplating their college options, most of them consider places far from home and the siblings they have been putting up with for the last 18 years.

But for the Campbells, it was the opposite. This fall, the two youngest siblings of the Campbell family, twins Brent and Kyle, joined their two older sisters, Leah and Tiffany, at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

A local Wilmington family with a firm foundation in faith, the Campbells are the type of people who emit positivity and lightheartedness and a strong desire to be successful. Their father, a pastor at New Beginnings Christian Church and retired Marine, encourages his children and tells them, "Don't do as well as me; do better."

This motivation has resulted in four extremely talented kids who love the Lord, each other and UNCW.

"My initial reaction was to get as far away as possible. Our dad was in the military so we traveled with him a lot, being together was what we always did. So I was like, 'Okay, I've got to get out of there and do something different.' Leah Campbell said. "Then, I know this sounds weird, but I heard the voice of the Lord, and it told me to stay at UNCW. And it freaked me out a little! I literally heard 'UNCW' over my left ear, and so when I started pursuing UNCW, doors opened for scholarships left and right, and I decided 'hey, this is what I'm going to do.'"

While trying to establish her independent life as a college student, Leah decided that she would make the most of staying close to her family and church.

She, Tiffany, Brent and Kyle participate in a number of church activities like choir and youth group. Their connection to their church family was a major part of all of their decisions to stay in Wilmington.

"That's very important to us – making sure we're not just hearing the word, but getting something from it. As you can tell we are very lively, and my dad is the same type of pastor, and I think that's what draws a lot of college students to our church. Having that type of foundation right here at our fingertips is something I personally cherish," said Leah. Tiffany, the self-proclaimed "mother

hen" of the group, was thrilled to have her brothers join her at UNCW. But she was surprised to find that despite the small campus and intimate UNCW community, they don't spend as much time together on campus as one would think.

"I thought it was going to be a lot different. I thought I was going to see Kyle and Brent all the time. I make a point to wait outside their class every Tuesday and Thursday to see them," said Tiffany.

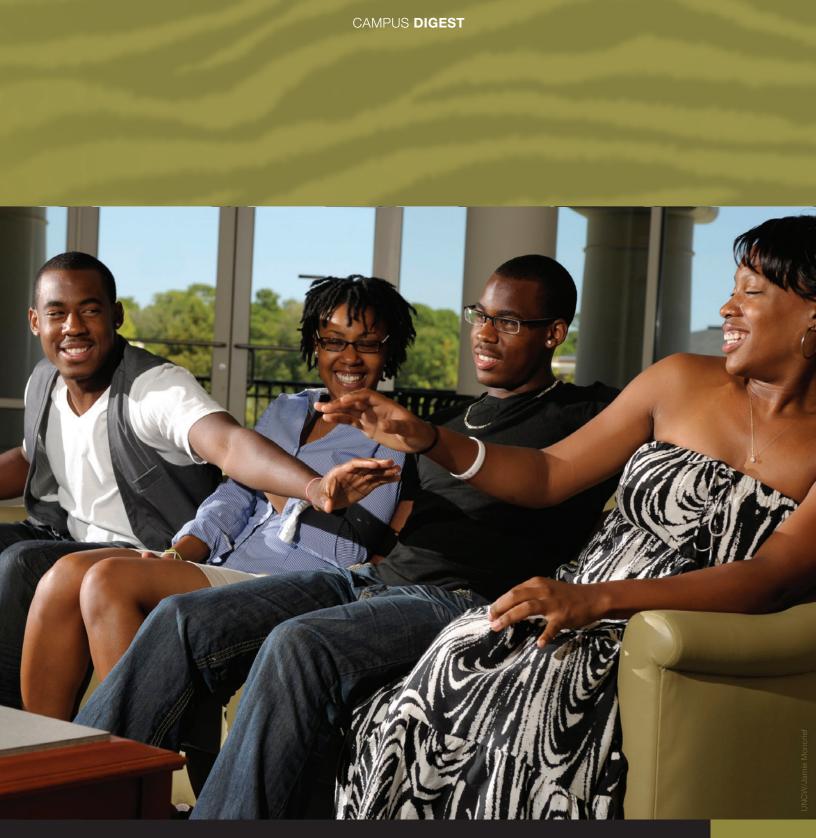
Freshmen Brent and Kyle run track which takes up a majority of their time, along with the required 10 hours of study hall for student athletes. A junior international business major, Tiffany works almost full-time at a grocery store to support her travel and sneaker habits. Leah also is very busy: A senior majoring in biology with a double minor in psychology and leadership, she is a resident assistant in the Seahawk Village and a member of the Student Academic Honor Board and Dean's Advisory Council.

With motivation from their father and encouragement from their mother, there is a lot of pressure on a Campbell to not only succeed but to excel and to apply a little healthy competition to it as well. As siblings who all attended the same high school, Leah paved the way as an outstanding student and left big shoes to fill for her younger sister and brothers.

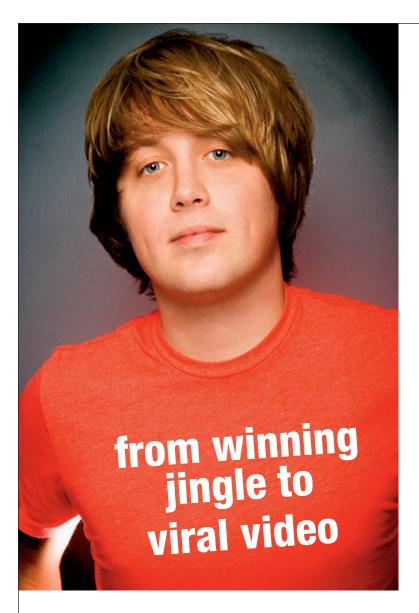
Tiffany said having an older sister to show you ropes and let you know what classes to take and what teachers to avoid has its benefits, but it also set the bar high and left her and the twins hearing a lot of "but you're a Campbell!" in their years following Leah.

On being a Campbell, Kyle said, "You're always expected to do something great. You can't really take a day off. And you sure can't dress down, especially if Leah is around." (Kyle and Brent, who were voted Best Dressed in High School, got a firm talking-to from Leah when she saw them around campus in their sweatpants!)

However, these expectations Kyle is talking about would be nothing without the combined effort of the Campbell siblings' mutual encouragement and their own personal drives to succeed. And whether it's running track, leading campus organization, or traveling through Europe, the Campbells always do it with a level head, a strong faith, and of course, with style.



Siblings Kyle, Tiffany, Brent and Leah Campbel



Meghan French '11

Through his work as a recording musician, jingle writer and blog creator, **Chase Holfelder** has gained more national attention during his collegiate career than many hope to receive through a lifetime of work.

His road to musical success started when he was a freshman living in Galloway Hall with drummer Jim Trice and was a singer/guitarist with the band The Mile After.

"When the band really started to take off, we put school on hold to try to pursue music professionally. We traveled extensively on multiple full-U.S. tours and spent a lot of time in California while recording our independently released record *Armada*. We ended up getting a couple of the songs heavily featured on the MTV shows *The Hills* and *The Real World*," he said.

Four years later, "after our bassist (who was Australian) decided to head back home, we thought it was time to go back to school and finish our degrees," Holfelder said.

In 2007, he entered the "My Harris Teeter" jingle contest. By modernizing the familiar jingle with his piano playing, Holfelder took home the \$10,000 grand prize, and his jingle was used in a commercial aired during the season finale of American Idol.

Earlier this year, the senior English major from Cary again tried his hand at jingle songwriting, this time for Folger's coffee. He didn't learn of the contest until the last minute, leaving him only one day to compose a song and post a video of his recording on the Folger's website. His video received so many votes that he was flown up to New York to perform for American Idol judge Kara DioGuardi as one of five national semifinalists.

Holfelder's most recent success comes from his blog, WelcomeHomeBlog.com, which showcases the best videos of U.S. troops returning home. The blog quickly became a national sensation and was featured on CNN in August. It has an online fan base of more than 2,800 on Facebook and garners about 3,000 unique visits daily. Holfelder, who has no personal connection to the military himself, said he created the blog because he was touched by similar videos he saw posted on Facebook and other sites and wanted to share the joy.

"There is so much negative press right now surrounding the war. I wanted to show something different with the joy of these homecomings. I couldn't find a central location for the videos, so I just created one," he said.

The inspiration for this blog came when Holfelder was editing some of his favorite clips of returning soldiers into his first of several "best of" compilation videos featuring his original music. Within weeks, the video went viral and has since racked up more than 3 million views on YouTube. Soon after, Holfelder bought a domain site and founded WelcomeHomeBlog.com. Holfelder has now received hundreds of heartwarming videos from all over the country and adds new content daily.

In looking to the future, Holdelfer said, "I would really like to monetize the site somehow to give back to related charities. A few have already contacted me asking for help." He also plans to add a forum section to the site so military families can connect and support each other.

Harris Teeter jingle:

www.harristeeter.com/other/videos/Commercials/2007-My-Harris-Teeter-Jingle-Winner.aspx

Folger's jingle:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=knqMcCTBpq4

Soldiers Surprising Their Loved Ones: www.youtube.com/watch?v=hkGzqpGx1KU

CNN story: www.youtube.com/watch?v=8UwtVDynG-k

Isolated carrels, card catalogs and a labyrinth of book stacks are things of the past as study habits and learning styles evolve for students living in a technology-saturated world.

UNCW's Randall Library is one of several libraries across the nation moving to a new model in which students won't be reprimanded for making noise, computer-based research is the norm and group projects are replacing all-night study sessions.

In response to the feedback from students, faculty and staff, the library this summer renovated an 11,000-square-foot area on the first floor to create a more aesthetically pleasing and learning-conducive environment with sleek and comfortable furniture that encourages collaboration.

The Learning Commons features enhanced computers with dual monitors, larger tables for more group interaction, more than 300 power outlets for laptops, increased wireless capabilities and multiple self-serve I-Print stations. The service desk was moved to a central location in close proximity to the Technology Assistance Center, which moved to Randall Library earlier this year.

As the intellectual hub of any academic community, libraries are changing to better accommodate a world where students are constantly connected to the world, their classes and to each other. University librarian Sarah Watstein notes that UNCW's Learning Commons is different from the rest.

"There are many variations on the 'commons' theme, but this one is very unique and special. It's right at the entrance of the library, welcoming and well lit. We have brought different student services in as well like the Writing Center and the Office of International Programs. There is a different flow of services, safety and sensibility," said Watstein.

And the Learning Commons isn't done yet.

"It will always change," said Lisa Williams, coordinator of research and learning services. "The purpose of the Learning Commons is to serve the students." No matter what the trend, the library will always search for the most effective way to enhance the experience of UNCW students.

out of the carrel, into cyberspace

Natalie Price '11





Who has had the biggest impact on your life?

I would have to say my mother. She had a huge impact on me. She always fought through the tough times and was always successful in the end. She led by example, and she was my inspiration. She always taught me that hard work truly pays off.

What is your favorite meal?

Fried catfish with hot sauce...that gets me every time. I also like pasta.

What do you like to do to relax away from basketball?

I like to go to the beach, work on my tan and snorkel. I especially enjoy going to Cooper Island in the Virgin Islands. I liked to go out on the boat and jump off. That's relaxing to me.

What's it like raising twins?

It's very, very busy, but I love every minute of it. Everything is times two, such as clothes and shoes. I just try to spend some quality time with them, and I love every second of it. They are completely different and demonstrate their love in different ways. They're a handful, but I wouldn't trade it for the world.

Explain your reaction to being inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame.

When you dream of being successful, you don't dream of being inducted into the Hall of Fame. It's just too big a dream. I was extremely moved and honored. It was so wonderful to be recognized for all of the hard work and dedication that I have put into the sport of basketball.

What went into your decision to come to UNCW?

There were a lot of factors. The beach obviously helped. We have a beautiful campus, a wonderful conference, and I have the desire to win a national championship at UNCW.

What has surprised you the most about Wilmington?

I think it's been the diversity of this city. It's so different from the beach to the river, from the historical homes downtown to Landfall. It's been very pleasant. I can't wait to see the changing of the seasons. I might go to the mountains to see another part of the country.

What are your goals this season?

We'd like to be in the top four of the conference this year. We'd like to win the games we're supposed to and sneak in a couple that we're not necessarily supposed to win. We'd like to be in a good position to fight for the CAA Championship when it's time.

What advice would you give young players today?

I would tell them to never underestimate the benefit of hard work. And always be confident in the path that God has set for you.

You've lived in a lot of different places during your career. What's been your favorite?

Venice. There was so much to see in Italy. Venice is a city built on water, and it's amazing. You travel around in boats and the streets are water.

What message do you have for UNCW's alumni?

We need you. We need you to come back and support us. We want to put the type of product on the court that you will be proud of. We absolutely need our alumni to come back and support our university. We'd love to see you at our games.







BUZZ PETERSON

What went through your mind when considering this position?

First of all, I was impressed with the support for the program. The team has a good following, and it's a great school. We have terrific academic standards in an outstanding location. I figured it would be an easy sell for recruits out there.

What surprised you the most about UNCW?

I think the beauty of the campus. It's gorgeous. We have so many new buildings on campus.

What have you learned about Wilmington since you've been here?

I didn't realize how much it's growing. We used to come here and visit in the 80s. Now, we have Mayfaire and other areas. This city has grown and has a lot of character to it.

What are your goals this year?

Night in and night out, we have to play extremely hard. We have to take pride on the defensive end and value the basketball on the offensive end. We can't allow our opponents second shots at the basket.

Do you have any teal in your closet?

I've got a couple jackets, but I need more ties. Maybe I can get some more teal ties for Christmas. I'll use those jackets on special occasions for games. I can't leave a jacket on, though. I have to take it off.

What's your favorite basketball memory?

It would have to be the national championship team in 1982. I remember the camaraderie of that group. That was a team with strong unity. We got along well off the floor, and we had tremendous leadership from Jimmy Black. The Final Four run was pretty special. It felt like all of the hard work we went through in the off season paid off.

Who was your basketball idol growing up?

Believe it or not, it was Kyle Macy. He was a smart, intelligent guard. He was a good shooter and always under control. I loved when he used to reach for his socks at the free throw line. I asked him one time why he did that and that was how he dried his hands.

What advice would you give to young players today?

Keep working on the fundamental stuff, like handling the basketball. I would tell them to keep their eyes up when they dribble and make good passes. They should work on their shooting, especially free throw shooting. That's a lost art.

Crunch Berries or Grape Nuts?

Definitely Grape Nuts. They're healthy for you. I try to eat some nuts during the course of the day, so I don't get too hungry. I'm big on eating fiber cereal in the morning, and I like Nutri-grain bars.

What message do you have for UNCW's alumni?

It's so important that we have the support of our alumni. We need the support of our alumni for our program and the university.



A member of the largest induction class in Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame history, UNCW women's basketball coach Cynthia Cooper-Dyke was the first player to be inducted based primarily on her WNBA career. UNCW faculty and staff honored her with a framed, signed photo from the enshrinement ceremony.



BASS RETURNS TO FLOCK AS NEW AD

After 90 applicants, a 10-person search committee and one highly regarded search firm, UNCW named its new athletics director. Jimmy Bass, who has previous experience as a UNCW fundraiser, returned to the Seahawk family this fall. He is the sixth director in Seahawk history, succeeding Kelly Mehrtens who resigned in September.

Bass spent the last three years at East Carolina University as senior associate athletic director, handling fundraising, ticketing and media relations for 19 intercollegiate athletic programs. However, it was not his first time with the Pirates, either. He previously worked for ECU under athletic director Dave Hart Jr. where he initiated a successful revenue-producing corporate sponsorship program for the Pirates. He also held positions at Davidson, NC State, Pittsburgh and Mississippi State.

"My experiences working within the UNC system will be invaluable as we grow UNCW athletics," Bass commented. "Time spent at East Carolina and NC State will provide everyday knowledge of how to solve problems during these challenging economic times...worsened by dwindling state budgets."

Before completing a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio University in 1980, Bass studied speech communication at NC State. He is a member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and National Association of Athletic Development Directors. Bass' goals include accruing the most scholarships possible allowed by the NCAA to support UNCW athletics and attracting more of the local community to sporting events. He intends to "build programs of excellence that local fans will want to invest in and support by their attendance."

Bass recognizes the amount of work there is to be done for the athletics program to flourish, but sincerely believes the future is bright. "UNCW athletics are blessed with a very professional group of coaches who care about our student-athletes, and these coaches also are passionate about the successes of their various programs.

"We have lots of work to do, but we can be successful building athletic programs of excellence here at UNCW."

Brooks' legacy

Long-time administrator and coach William J. "Bill" Brooks, recognized as the patriarch of UNCW's athletic program, was eulogized as "a big man, literally and figuratively" by First Baptist Church pastor Mike Queen.

Brooks died peacefully on Nov. 8; he was 88.

Hundreds of former players, colleagues and friends paid tribute to the man who left a lasting legacy of excellence in coaching and leadership, complemented by a personal approach that touched many lives.

"He was successful because he knew how to get the best out of people. He was very humble, and he knew what it meant to be a leader," reflected David K. Miller, who played on Wilmington College's 1961 national junior college championship baseball team and later coached alongside Brooks.

Brooks was UNCW's first athletic director and served 40 years in that post until his retirement on June 30, 1991. The iconic figure put the school's athletic fortunes on the map with vision, leadership and, often, countless hours of manual labor.

Brooks began his career at Wilmington College in 1951 as athletic director, head basketball coach, head baseball coach and chairman of the health and physical education department.

As baseball coach, he established the Seahawks as one of the top programs in the junior college ranks. He led the Seahawks to national championships in 1961 and 1963 and a runner-up finish in 1962. In 27 seasons as baseball coach on three different levels, he compiled a 574-292-6 record, being named NAIA District 29 Coach of the Year five times and NAIA National Coach of the Year in 1975 after taking the Seahawks to the NAIA World Series.



Brooks also enjoyed success as a basketball coach. He piloted the team from 1951 to 1963 and took the Seahawks to a pair of NJCAA national tournaments in 1962 and 1963. His 1963 club finished sixth in the NJCAA tourney in Hutchinson, Kan.

Brooks also was recognized as a keen administrator. He oversaw Wilmington College's entry into the NAIA in 1963 and laid the groundwork for the school's rise to the NCAA Division I ranks in 1976-77. One of his biggest accomplishments came on June 6, 1985, when UNCW joined six members of the ECAC South to form the Colonial Athletic Association, the league the school continues to compete in today.

Always working behind the scenes, Brooks spearheaded the development of the majority of the school's athletic facilities. He worked hand-in-hand with many community members in the construction of Trask Coliseum, the opening of the Harold Greene Track and Field Complex, the erection of the department's administrative offices, the William P. Nixon Jr. Annex and his namesake, the Brooks Field baseball stadium.

Brooks received the Will Wynne Award for his contributions to baseball in North Carolina in 1982 and was elected to five elite groups – the National Junior College Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame, North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame, the UNCW Athletic Hall of Fame, the Greater Wilmington Sports Hall of Fame and the Nova Scotia Baseball Hall of Fame.

Those wishing to honor Brooks' memory may do so by making donations to: William J. Brooks Baseball Support Endowment, UNCW, 601 South College Road, Wilmington, N.C., 28403-5913. For more information, call 910.962.7737.

Breathtaku

Andrea Weaver

The moment a baby draws its first breath is a precious instant in the remarkable cycle of life that shapes time on our planet. Even with 6.8 billion human beings on earth, the power of that moment remains special.

Imagine, then, witnessing the first breath, or blow, of a newborn right whale, one of the world's rarest creatures.

BREATHTAKING!



"Before we knew how to make plastic, baleen was nature's plastic."

- Bill McLellan, UNCW marine mammal expert

That's exactly what scientific observers from the UNCW-Duke University aerial survey team saw on an extraordinary day in March 2010 as they watched a right whale deliver a calf off the coast of Jacksonville, Fla. The team, overseen by UNCW marine mammal experts Bill McLellan and Ann Pabst, was in the area to conduct aerial surveys as part of a long-term marine mammal and sea turtle monitoring program sponsored by the U.S. Navy.

"We think we have a photo of the very first blow that whale took, which is pretty cool," Bill McLellan said.

"It is now up to us to make sure it grows up," Pabst added.

Only about 400 North Atlantic right whales exist.

These slow-swimming giants live along the east coast of North America, consuming zooplankton and other tiny organisms. Each year, they travel from feeding zones in New England and Canada to calving areas along the southeastern U.S. coast and back again. The right whale population grows very slowly. Females usually do not reproduce until after age 9 or 10; their pregnancy lasts for about a year.

Even though scientists know generally where the mothers go to deliver their young, right whale births are rarely seen by humans. The UNCW-Duke team recorded the experience for only the second time in world history.

When they first flew over the mother, the team saw a white mark on her flukes and feared she may have been entangled in fishing gear, which is detrimental to right whales' health. They observed her for several minutes and then she dove away from the surface.

"She took a big breath and dove,"
McLellan said. "The team watched
her. They could see her shadow
underwater, and then she disappeared
from sight. A few minutes later they
observed clouds of blood on the
surface. Then up pops something and
at first they thought: shark attack.
We've documented great white sharks
in the area, but then they realized it
was a newborn right whale! They got
kind of excited then. It was obviously a
big event."

Huge, in fact. Female right whales are about 50-55 feet long and weigh up to 70 tons. Their babies are 16-20 feet long at birth. As McLellan said, "The mom is the size of two tractor-trailer trucks duct-taped together, and the baby is the size of pick-up truck."

"A very big pick-up truck," Pabst added.

The right whale's sheer size nearly led to the species' demise. Centuries ago, whalers dubbed these docile creatures the "right" whale to hunt because they contain enormous amounts of thick blubber and baleen. They are found close to shore, and when killed, they float, making it easier for hunters to harvest them.

"They were hunted to near extinction many centuries ago in Europe," Pabst said. "Only handfuls of them survived. They're really special animals, and we're still learning about the species. They may live a long life, perhaps even over 100 years."

Right whales are now protected from commercial whaling, but their run-ins with ships and fishing gear continue to harm them. One of the reasons the UNCW-Duke team was on site that day in March was to share information about the whereabouts of right whales off the coast of Florida.

"They are not adapted or evolved to get out of the way of fast-moving vessels," Pabst said. By working with state and federal agencies to track the whales, the team provides shipping crews with location data so they can navigate around the animals. "Sometimes, in conservation programs, it is better to try to adapt our behavior."



Status: Critically endangered - about 400 in the world

Full international protection from hunting since 1935

Adult size: 50 feet long; 70 tons

Habitats: Coastal waters from Canada to Florida

Diet: Filters zooplankton and other tiny creatures out of the

sea through baleen plates

Lifespan: Maybe as much as 100 years

History: Known as "the right whale to hunt"

Humans produced oil from blubber and a variety of items from baleen (corsets and hoop skirts, piano springs, buggy whips, umbrellas)

Why was observation of the right whale's birth so important?

The UNCW-Duke observation marks only the second time that a birth of this species has ever been documented, and it is the first right whale birth to ever be observed so far offshore, about 50 miles. New data from the observation may lead to enhanced conservation strategies.

the UNCW MARINE MAMMAL STRANDING PROGRAM

DIRECTORS

Bill McLellan, North Carolina State Stranding Coordinator

D. Ann Pabst, UNCW professor of biology and marine biology, assistant chair and graduate coordinator

MISSION

To better understand local marine mammals and enhance their conservation

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HISTORY

Study was part of a long-term marine mammal and sea turtle monitoring program for the U.S. Navy

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With the assistance of a \$5 million federal stimulus grant, the Stump Sound project and others like it in the state, including the creation of a 47-acre reef in Pamlico Sound, have expanded more than a decade of work by UNCW researchers and state officials to rebuild the oyster population.

The efforts have paid off, according to marine fisheries officials. The state announced that the oyster has rebounded by 400 percent in the past four years, with oystermen landing more bushels this year than any since the pre-red tide harvests of the late 1980s. Marine fisheries directly attributes the recovery to reef-building efforts like the one on Stump Sound.

At the Stump Sound site, bulldozers dig into huge mounds of recycled oyster shells, collected across the state at restaurants and from individuals, and load them into wooden bushel baskets. The baskets are transferred onto boats by local oystermen, who are paid by the grant to move the boats across the Intracoastal Waterway to the sound, which lies just inland of Figure Eight Island. The oystermen empty the baskets at marked spots, slowly building a new reef.

Troy Alphin, senior research associate at the UNCW Center for Marine Science, and a group of students monitor the new reefs alongside the oystermen. They will collect data for the next four years, after which the new reef will open for oystermen.



"Once the site is opened up, fishermen will be able to earn a second round of money because they'll be able to harvest the oysters that were grown on these shells right here," said Ted Wilgis, coastal education coordinator for the N.C. Coastal Federation.

Oysters thrive in the calm waters of the Intracoastal Waterway. While the state has several species of oyster, the eastern oyster, *Crassostrea virginica*, accounts for the vast majority of the harvest on the East and Gulf coasts. Research has shown that while oysters can settle on artificial reefs of concrete or debris, they are biologically attuned to seek out other oyster shells.



"Oysters have a very strong preference for settling on oyster shells," said Ami Wilbur, associate professor of marine biology and director of the UNCW Shellfish Research Hatchery.

The oyster plays a critical role in the coastal ecosystem. While the economic role of the oysters is a concern of the agencies restoring the reefs, their importance goes beyond economics. Biologists refer to the oyster's role as the "Three Fs" – food, filter and fish habitat.

Oysters provide sustenance not just for humans, but for a large variety of animals that either feed directly on the oyster or use the oyster reefs as a habitat, which provides both protection and a source of food.

More importantly for the health of the ecosystem, oysters serve as a filter, cleaning algae and sediment from the water. A single oyster can filter 35 gallons of water a day, removing detritus from the ecosystem. As one of the major side effects of coastal pollution is algal blooms called by fertilizer runoff, the oysters' ability to remove algae means that a healthy oyster population can mitigate the effects of development and pollution, although those same factors are a major cause in the steep decline of the state's oysters.

"These oysters are really important for keeping our waters clean," said Wilbur.

Alex Kuigre of Varnumtown has harvested oysters from the waterways of North Carolina for more than three decades. His father and mother before him were also oystermen, and he considers the trade to be his heritage. He blames the region's rapid development, and the environmental impacts of that growth, to be the main cause of the oysters' decline.

"They ain't the oysters there were when I first started. What's done that is pollution," said Kuigre.

The majority of the oystermen working on the reef at the Stump Sound site come from Varnumtown, a town whose long history is intertwined with the state's oyster trade. Thirty years ago, Kuigre said he could set out on his boat in

the morning and return with 42 bushels before midday. Now, he said, he's lucky to have five bushels to show for a day's work. He said that the economy has led more people to return to collecting oysters out of necessity, which also has reduced the take available to longtime oystermen like him, although he doesn't begrudge them the income.

"I can't blame anyone for trying to live," said Kuigre.

One way that UNCW hopes to help oystermen like Kuigre is through the development disease resistant strains of oysters at the Shellfish Research Hatchery, recently completed at the Center for Marine Science campus. The hatchery will provide researchers with a place to directly monitor juvenile oysters, as well as produce spat – baby oysters – that can be seeded directly onto the reefs like those at Stump Sound.

Wilbur stresses that the purpose of the hatchery will not be to compete with private industry.

"We're not going to produce oysters that anyone can eat. We produce oysters that you can barely see," she said.

At the moment, the research has not been done to determine whether artificially seeding a reef actually improves a reef's yield. Using spat purchased from a hatchery in Bear Creek, N.C., Wilbur said UNCW researchers built six reefs this summer, seeding half of them and letting nature take its course at the other half. They also plan to continue studying reefs built five and 10 years ago in conjunction with UNCW. Wilbur hopes this research will lead to better insight on the best practices for rebuilding the reefs.

The Gulf of Mexico always has been the powerhouse oyster producer in the South, according to Alphin. While he says he can see no positives in the possible effects of the BP oil spill on the region's ecosystem and shies away from calling it a positive for North Carolina's oyster industry, Alphin said that it could take decades for the ecological effects of the spill to manifest and dissipate in the Gulf. That could mean an increase in the value and prominence of North Carolina oysters.

"Traditionally, we've been a little bit smaller, but there's no reason the North Carolina industry can't grow," said Alphin.

Graduate student Anne Markwith '11, right, Martin Posey, left, and research associate Troy Alphin, center, identify and count native and non-native species of oysters during low tide along the Intracoastal Waterway, near the mouth of Hewlett's Creek. Their findings also help Ami Wilbur, above, in her research on the parasite Bonamia and its affect on the eastern oyster in southeastern North Carolina.





National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other federal agencies called on research-strong universities to provide the scientific expertise, equipment and baseline data needed to recover and protect as much wildlife and human habitat as possible. Because of its long-standing history of research in Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Ocean waters, UNCW had a team of technologically savvy researchers with long-term data sets and access to advanced oceanic equipment, ready to spring into action.

Deep impacts

An expert in coral ecology, UNCW researcher Steve Ross is one of only a few scientists in the world with baseline data on deepsea corals in the Gulf. Thought to take thousands to millions of years to grow in depths ranging from 1,600 feet to more than 2,625 feet, these coral mounds live in a low-oxygen area of the ocean where space is tight and life balance is delicate. They serve as a habitat and spawning ground for hundreds of diverse populations of fish, crabs, starfish and other organisms and have proven to be sensitive to climate and environmental change often triggered by harmful human practices.

From a natural resource perspective, this coral wilderness is precious. Explored by humans for only the past 10 years, the Gulf's comparatively untouched coral habitat can offer scientific insight that reefs long damaged by human practices – such as those off many European coasts – cannot. However, if damaged by oil or oil-fighting dispersants from the Deepwater Horizon spill, these delicate corals may not re-colonize rapidly or at all.

Especially in light of the recent disaster, "more must be learned about these rarely explored habitats so that we know how to preserve them," Ross said. This year, Ross participated in multiple research cruises in defense of these ancient "redwoods of the deep."

The first cruise, funded by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and launched in September, used the Cape Hatteras ROV to target specific coral study sites of the Gulf less than 40 miles from the oil spill location. The

crew collected samples around deep coral sites to better understand the health of the habitats and to observe any oil impacts.

The second cruise in October, done in collaboration with Greenpeace, served as a complement to the USGS cruise; samples were collected in targeted coral study sites in the same regions of the Gulf.

A third cruise, coordinated by the NOAA Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration, Research and Technology program, sailed in November, with Ross as co-chief scientist with Sandra Brooke of the Marine Conservation Biology Institute. This cruise focused on deepsea coral ecosystems along the Florida coastline. Ross and his team will compare findings from each cruise to the baseline data he has collected over the years in those same areas to determine impact from the spill.

Long-term effects

Meanwhile, another UNCW researcher at the Center for Marine Science, Andy Shepard, is working with NOAA, serving as associate director of the Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration, Research and Technology (CIOERT). Shepard participated in an eight-week Florida Shelf Edge Expedition (FLoSEE; cioert.org/flosee). The goal of the summer mission was to determine the location of deep coral reefs and to understand how these reefs might connect to each other and shallower reefs around Florida, in terms of gene flow and nutrient cycling.

Launching just three months after the Deepwater Horizon spill, and before

hazardous oil could seep into those waters, FLoSEE also assessed the condition of reefs prior to potential oil impacts.

"Corals don't like oil or chemicals in the dispersant used to treat the DWH spill. Past studies show a variety of impacts from sub-lethal impacts such as stunted reproduction or growth, to lethal impacts to larvae or whole colonies. Branching corals, which are most common on deep coral ecosystems, are most susceptible," Shepard said.

The FLoSEE science and operations team, which included more than 60 research faculty, technicians and students from at least 10 different institutions, used the Johnson-Sea-Link II manned submersible, as well as a variety of mid-water samplers and sensors to collect baseline data on benthic and pelagic communities, water and sediment chemistry. During the expedition, no surface or subsurface oil was observed; however, impacts of the oil spill could take a while to surface, and Shepard remains in the field working for CIOERT.

Hitting home

The impacts of the spill may not be limited to the Gulf. Although there was only a slight risk that Deepwater Horizon oil could reach North Carolina, a team of UNCW researchers sampled ocean water, sediment, shellfish and fish along New Hanover County beaches. The baseline data they collected could be used to document the arrival of new hazards.

The team consisted of Larry Cahoon, a biological oceanographer with special interest in phytoplankton and sediment microbe dynamics; Thomas Lankford, a marine biologist focusing on fish population abundance and health in the surf zone; Martin Posey, department chair of biology and marine biology focusing on marine bottom animal communities and food web structure; Troy Alphin, a benthic ecologist focusing on collection and lab analysis of marine bottom communities; Lynn Leonard, department chair of geography and geology focusing on sediments and beach topographic profiles; and a slew of graduate students, technicians and undergraduate students.

In accordance with a two-year biological study, funded by the North Carolina Sea Grant, the team already was preparing this spring to take samples to access the biological results of a local beach nourishment project. The oil spill occurrence caused them to re-direct their energies.

"Our studies of beach renourishment effects on New Hanover County beaches provided excellent baseline assessments of conditions on those beaches before any oil spill impacts," Cahoon said. "It's clear that BP oil won't reach us, although there was fear it might, but oil or other impacts could easily affect N.C. beaches, so we argued to extend the sampling to create a good and more extensive baseline."



CRISIS RESPONSE

Growing up in the hills of West Virginia, Marina Piscitelli was drawn to UNCW for its reputation as a premiere undergraduate research university. Little did she know that her experiences as a marine biology student, earning undergraduate and master's degrees in 2007 and 2009, respectively, would lead her to the center of an environmental disaster – the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

As a student working in Ann Pabst and Bill McLellan's laboratory, Piscitelli perfected the science of marine animal necropsy, or the dissection of stranded whales and manatees. Accepting a job as a stranding responder in the lab post-graduation, she also learned about the inner workings of the North Carolina stranding program and how officials collaborate to track data in the northern, central and southern regions of the state's coastline.

In January, she was contacted by the Florida's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services to work temporarily in the St. Petersburg Pathobiology Lab conducting manatee necropsies. Water temperatures had dropped so low that manatees had developed frostbite lesions and open sores, and many died from the extraordinarily cold temperatures. During the week that she worked, she did anywhere between 10 to 20 manatee necropsies per day.

Piscitelli's technical expertise and experience with the Florida manatee disaster made her a key contact for scientists responding to the Deepwater Horizon spill at the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas in New Orleans. The facility was one of two set up by Audubon to accept sick sea turtles and to conduct the de-oiling process.

As sea turtle and marine mammal rehabilitation program administrator, she was responsible for feeding and managing sick dolphins and sea turtles as well as coordinating visits of veterinarians, technicians, volunteers and interns from across the country.

During the first few months of her appointment, NOAA conducted proactive boat searches for sea turtles in the oiled sargassum of the Gulf of Mexico. Because the boats didn't usually dock until 5 p.m. most days, Piscitelli and her team often worked with turtles into the wee hours of the morning, only to sleep for a few hours and start the process again the next day. The team cared for two bottlenose dolphins and more than 200 sea turtles, with only five deaths to report.

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Award for essay writing while studying at the University of Michigan. Other notable recipients include poet Jane Kenyon, children's author Nancy Willard and playwright Arthur Miller.

After finishing her bachelor's degree in 1944, Kert taught English as a graduate student at Michigan and worked on her writing. In 1946, she published a short story in Seventeen, but soon after, fiction took a backseat to her real life.

She fell in love with an Army doctor, Morley Kert. They married and moved to California in 1948. He established a successful private practice as a cardiologist; she raised their three children. As daughter Kathryn Kert Green recalled, "She was always there for us. She was a very supportive mom."

Although focused on her family, Bernice Kert never shelved her interest in writing. Once Kathryn and her siblings Elizabeth and Charles were in school, their mother sold several short stories and penned unpublished novels.

Bernice Galansky Kert received the Avery Hopwood

She took continuing education classes at UCLA to sharpen her skills and connect with other writers. As Elizabeth Kert remembers, "She always wrote."

One class proved fateful, inspiring a new direction in Bernice Kert's writing ... a direction that would lead to two published biographies and a lasting contribution to the study of Ernest Hemingway's work.

"She wrote fiction first," Kathryn recalled. "The idea for nonfiction came out of a class on Hemingway. She also was inspired by a biography of Zelda Fitzgerald." Zelda was an author and the wife of F. Scott Fitzgerald.

"Our mother became interested in the women in Hemingway's life," Elizabeth Kert said.

In 1983, Bernice Kert published The Hemingway Women: Those Who Loved Him - the Wives and Others, about the author's dramatic relationships with the women in his life. It remains a respected resource in Hemingway research.

In 1993, Kert published another successful biography, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller: The Woman in the Family, about the wife of John D. Rockefeller Jr., a well-known philanthropist and founder of the Museum of Modern Art in New York.

In her later years, Kert focused her talents on helping other writers. "She was a very positive, upbeat person," Elizabeth said. "She liked mentoring young writers."

After Kert died in July 2005, at age 81, her children wanted to commemorate their mother's lifelong love for writing. Kathryn called Kert's agent for ideas, who suggested contacting David Fenza, executive director of the Association of Writers and Writing Programs.

"She asked David to recommend a worthy program where true mentoring was going on, a program where even a small amount of money could make a difference, and he told Kathryn and her siblings about UNCW," said Philip Gerard, professor and department chair of creative writing.

UNCW's creative writing program, among the "Best of the Best" in the nation, is one of "five innovative/unique" programs in the U.S., according to Atlantic Monthly. Poets & Writers magazine ranked the creative nonfiction program second in the nation and the entire M.F.A. program 30th overall.

The way UNCW "supports and encourages the writing of both nonfiction and fiction" was especially important, Kathryn said. "We wanted to do a memorial. We wanted to give the funds to a program where they were really needed, where they would make the biggest difference."

They established the Bernice Kert Fellowship in Creative Writing, awarded annually to a student in the Master of Fine Arts program in the Department of Creative Writing. Their mother's passion for writing will live on in the generations of future scholars who benefit from the fellowship ... writing happily ever after.

Heming "Absorbing. . . . Hemingway's life [becomes] a symphony of movements defined by the women he loved." -Christopher Lehmann-Haupt, New York Times Bernice Kert

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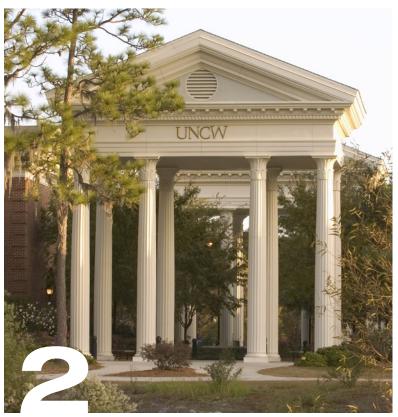
There's no better place to get your teal on than Trask Coliseum, especially during Homecoming. Mark your calendars now and come back to campus for a weekend of festivities, Feb. 17-20, 2011.

Seahawk Snapshots

What are your favorite places to visit when you come back to campus? Where do you make your friends, families, spouses and significant others take photos when you visit UNCW? Here are our top six choices of the best picture places on campus. Tell us yours. Post your suggestions – and favorite snapshots – on the wall @ UNCW's Facebook page.

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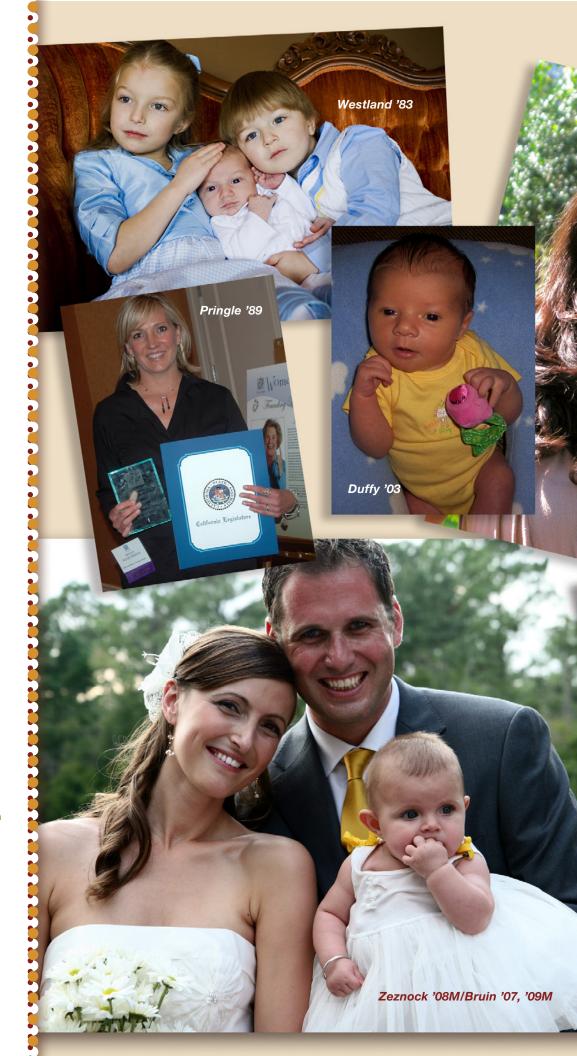


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ALUMNOTES



Angela Hankins Metts '79, '08M is the early college high school liaison for Brunswick Community College and Brunswick County Early College High School. She also is a trainer for the New Schools Project Critical Friends module.

1980s

After teaching middle and high school science for 24 years, Jan Hanes Cahela '80, '82 returned to Beaufort, where she is self-employed as an artist.

Francis X. De Luca '81 is the executive director of the John W. Pope Civitas Institute.

Wallace Ashley III '82 passed away April 21, 2010. He worked for the N.C. Department of Revenue for 28 years.

Margaret Norton '84 is the author of When Ties Break: A Memoir about How to Thrive After Loss, published by Tate Publishing and Enterprises. Margaret is involved with several organizations including Writers' Group of the Triad and the National Association of Professional Women.

Lynn Fulton '84, '88M was 2010 Principal of the Year for New Hanover County Schools. She has been principal of Winter Park Elementary School since

Jeff Clark '85 is chief operating officer of Marine Federal Credit Union, overseeing lending and collections, commercial services and branch operations

Caroline Reda '85 is the CEO and president of GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy.

Roger Morgan '86 is the assistant principal of Grandy Primary School in

Brett Barnes '87 is the business development office and senior vice president at First Bank in Wilmington

Haywood A. Barnes '87 is a partner in the Charlotte office of Poyner Spruill, LLP. He is a member of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section commercial finance committee, the Association of Commercial Finance Attorneys and the Turnaround Management Association.

Eric Hickman '88 is senior vice president and Wilmington market president for Gateway Bank, but he earns acclaim as a musician in two local bands, Sound Dogs and Jack Jack 180.

Dawn Carter '89 is the director of resource development for Good Shepherd Center in Wilmington.

Tracey Frank Pringle '89, owner and director of Club Literacy, was recognized for her work in the area of child development at the WomanSage Celebration Luncheon May 22, 2010, in Anaheim, Calif. She was one of 10 women chosen for their contributions towards improving the quality of life for Orange County families. In addition, she received an award from the California State Assembly.

1990s

Watson G. Caviness '91 was elected to the New Century Bancorp Board of Directors. He is a founding director of New Century Bank of Fayetteville and served on the New Century Bank South Region Advisory Board. He is president of Caviness and Cates Building and Development Co., president of Caviness Land Development Inc. and owner of Caviness and Cates Communities. He is a member of the National Association of Home Builders.

Roger E. Hamrick '91M received national board certification as an exceptional needs specialist, early childhood through young adulthood. He is an intensive behavior support teacher with New Hanover County Schools.

James E. Hickmon '92 is special counsel for Hedrick, Gardner, Kincheloe & Garofalo, LLP, law firm and directs their trusts and estates practice group

Kimberly Horton '92 was 2010 Teacher of the Year for New Hanover County Schools. An educator with 17 years experience, she has taught kindergarten, first and second grade at Alderman Elementary School. She also was named 2010 Elementary School Teacher of the Year.

Lisa Pinckney Flint '93 is vice president of marketing at RiverCity Company, a private, not-for-profit corporation that focuses on development of riverfront and downtown Chattanooga, Tenn.

Christopher Hughey '93 was appointed acting general counsel for the Federal Election Commission in August 2010.

Scott Tierney '93 is the athletic supervisor with Franklin Park District in Frankfort, III. He and his wife Heide have two children

Max Westland '93 and his wife Amber announce the birth of their third child, Curran Lee, on Feb. 2, 2010. They reside in Washington, D.C.

Jason Keckler '94 was promoted to lieutenant with the Frederick, Md., Police Department

Sara Williamson Bugler '95, '99M and her husband Peter announce the birth of a son, Barrett Oaks, on Feb. 24, 2010. He joins Kaya Jean who was born in 2008. Sara is a reading intervention teacher with Frederick County Public Schools in Maryland.

Robert W. Rideout Jr. '95 was appointed as a U.S. Administrative Law judge. He received his J.D. degree from Louisiana State University in 1998. He is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and is active in the North Carolina Committee for Employers Support for the Guard and the Reserve where he serves a coordinator for legislative affairs.

Elizabeth Tucker '95 is the director of building and planning for Georgetown, S.C.

Tracy Stokes Workman '95 received a master's degree in education from Elon University.

Heather Diehn '96 is vice president of operations for Jackson County Bank in Wisconsin.

Peggy Lyons Good '96 who was a teacher, volunteer and missionary, passed away this summer from malaria during her sixth trip to Ghana.

Vern Granger '96 is the assistant dean of enrollment services and director of admissions at the University of Tennessee.

Chad Oxendine '96 and Laura Kelly were married May 14, 2010. They live in Concord. Both are certified U.S. Professional Tennis Association teaching professionals.

Vann Pearsall '96 is the director of development for the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust and Capability Company.

Colin Heaton '97 and wife Anne-Marie Lewis co-authored a new book, Noble Warrior: The Story of Major General James E. Livingston, U.S.M.C.

Katherine C. Sarsfield '97 teaches high school biology, zoology and physical science in Hillsborough, Fla. She is a Girl Scout leader and mother of two daughters.

Michael Schirmer '97 is the supplier diversity program manager for the Delaware River and Bay Authority. He is pursuing a doctor of business administration degree at Wilmington University in New Castle, Del.

Christina Digiovanna Short '97 and her husband Kevin announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Rose, on June 26, 2010.

Kara O'Conner Gansmann '98 and her husband Mike announce the birth of their first child, Kinner Valentine, born on Aug. 6, 2010. Kara is a staff attorney with the State of Texas.

Amy Hotz '98, a reporter for the StarNews, is the author of Wilm on Film, a guide to television series and feature films produced in Wilmington.

Ryan Wall '98 is president and CEO of Freight Handlers. He is active in Dr. John C. Maxwell's EQUIP and is an advocate of Place of Hope, a faithbased foster care program in south Florida.

Jesse Waters '98, '02M is the director of the Elizabethan College Bowers Writers House. His first book of poems, *Human Resources*, will be released by Inkbush Press in December 2010.

Maria Richardson Zullo '98 is the director of the Valley Forge Military College's Learning Assessment and Support Center.

Jonna Hamilton '99M is a legislative assistant to U.S. Sen. Byron L. Dorgan from North Dakota, concentrating on energy and environmental policy. She received a Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology from Brown University and was a Fulbright fellow in Iceland in 2003

Trish Gavin Johnston '99 and husband Lee announce the birth of their son, Finn Carthage, on Sept. 15, 2010. He joins Cameron Kenneth, 3. Trish is a senior copywriter with Prudential. They reside in Lincoln Park, N.J. **Christina Vaughn '99** is the assistant principal of West Middle School in Montgomery County.

Holly H. Wilcher '99 earned a master's degree in child and family development from the University of Georgia and is a Ph.D. candidate in the University of Denver Education Administration and Policy Studies Program

Christopher Woolridge '99 is the lead marine mammal observer for RPS Group in Abingdon, Oxfordshire, England. In addition, he was promoted to passive acoustic monitoring operator and monitors protected species such as whales and dolphins for the energy exploration industry in the Gulf of Mexico.

2000s

Bradley Gardner '00 is the Perquimans-Chowan-Gates Landfill director. He and wife Laura have a son, Ben.

Shane P. Hendren '00 is vice president of the Laurinburg area BB&T Bank. He and his wife Jennifer have two children

Sarah Plummer '00, '06M and John Everhart '00 were married April 24, 2010. Sarah is employed by Craven County Schools, and John is the owner of Excel Learning Centers.

Dana Sachs '00M is the author of The Life We Were Given: Operation Babylift, International Adoption and the Children of War in Vietnam, published by Beacon Press.

James F. Shine III '00 and Melissa Barrington, both of New Bern, were married June 12, 2010. James is employed by RHA as a child case

Colby Wahl '00 is a drumming instructor at Sea Sharp Music Academy. www.colbywahl.com

Anne Barnhill '01M, author of the memoir At Home in the Land of Oz: Autism, My Sister and Me, published a volume of short stories titled, What You Long For.

George Bishop '01M is the author of Letter to My Daughter, a story about a mother whose daughter goes missing. George is also an actor and a world traveler. His writing has appeared in The Oxford American, The Third Coast Press and American Writing.

Clyde Crider '01M is co-director of the Supply Chain Resource Cooperative with the NC State University College of Management. He resides in

Diana Gillikin '01 is the service delivery manager of the State of Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Lily Hunter '01 and Matthew Deffenbaugh were married on Feb. 27, 2010. and reside in Beulaville.

Wade Kinlaw '01 completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, III.

Kate Tayloe '01, '07M is the school director at the Wilmington Academy of Arts and Sciences. She was awarded UNCW's Watson School of Education 2010 Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award and the Roy E. Harkin Teacher Recognition Award.

Amanda Wynn '01 received a Ph.D. in information systems from Nova Southeastern University in June 2010. She is as the director of institutional research at Regent University in Virginia Beach. In addition, she is an adjunct professor in Regent's School of Undergraduate Studies.

Hannah de la Cruz Abrams '02, '07M is one of six female writers to receive the 2010 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writer's Award, which includes a \$25,000 grant. Abrams, a lecturer of English at UNCW, will use the grant to complete her book, *The Following Sea*.

loulia Boxley '02 is serving her country as a sailor with the U.S. Navy.

Emily Burnett '02 and Brian Marlton '01 were married Oct. 3, 2009. Emily works in the NC State University Study Abroad Office, and Brian is a systems analyst contracted by the National Institute of Environment Health Sciences. The couple lives in Carv.

Joseph G. Landry II '02 and Marcia M. McClelland were married June 12, 2010. A 2009 graduate of the Ohio State University College of Dentistry, Joseph is a dentist employed by Gerald Siscko, DDS Inc. The couple resides in Canal Fulton, Ohio.

Rebecca Larson '02, '05M and Ryan Lenz '02, '04M were married Aug. 8, 2009. Ryan is a senior business risk consultant with GlaxoSmithKline in Research Triangle Park.

James Turner '02 owns a franchise of Clean Air Lawn Care, landscaping with electric and biodiesel powered equipment.

Amanda L. Barbee '03 and Andrew R. Maddox were married Aug. 7, 2010. Amanda is enrolled at East Carolina University to obtain an elementary education licensure. She is a secretary at Grace Baptist Church in Wilson.

Krystal Chojnacki '03 is the city manager of Mendota, Calif. She holds a master's degree in public administration from California State University, Fresno.

Amanda Darrigrand Duffy '03 and her husband Justin '03 announce the birth of a daughter, Layla. Amanda is a second grade teacher at the O'Neal School in Southern Pines.

Teresa Kelley '03 is a physical education teacher for Cumberland County Schools and is pursuing a master's degree in physical education at UNC Pembroke.

Amanda Marks '03 is the director of marketing with Bentley Commercial in Greenville, S.C.

Belinda Simmons '03 is a first grade teacher at Town Creek Elementary School in Brunswick County.

Eric Spencer '03 is a clinical counselor in the Office of Student Life at High Point University. Eric is a licensed professional counselor with a master of science degree and an educational specialist degree, with a focus on couples and family counseling, from UNC Greensboro.

Kendra D. Swicegood '03 and William Herbert Jr. were married June 26, 2010, and reside in Greensboro.

Keith Adkins '04 is an account executive in the sales and marketing department of Fleet One, LLC, in Nashville. Tenn.

Leah Ashley '04, '06 was named New Hanover High School Teacher of the Year

RothLauren C. Bowman '04 and her husband Johnathan announce the birth of a son, Connor Ulysses, on Jan. 22, 2010. He joins William, 6. RothLauren is a registered nurse with the Tripler Army Medical Center emergency department. They reside in Kailua, Hawaii.

Lisa Campbell '04, '09M is a family nurse practitioner at Southeastern Regional Medical Clinic Gray's Creek in Hope Mills. She is certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.

Leigh A. Doss '04 and Robert R. Blackmon '07 were married on June 12, 2010. Leigh has a master of social work degree from the University of South Carolina. Robert is a law student and MBA candidate at Campbell University's Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law and Lundy-Fetterman School of Business.

Brad Hutchens '04 is a sales consultant with Aramark Refreshment Services working in the Research Triangle Park market

Julie McDaniel '04 was 2010 Middle School Teacher of the Year for New Hanover County Schools. She teaches at Roland-Grise Middle School

Jodie Marie Nelson '04 and Murdoch Dunn III '07 were married May 1, 2010. Jodie is a nurse at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, and Murdoch is employed by Roger Moore Brick Company Inc. They reside in Wilmington.

Carol Smith '04 is a marine science technician, second class, with the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit. The Wilmington Chapter of the Navy League named her the Enlisted Reservist of the Year based on her job performance and volunteerism in the community.

Michelle Stephenson '04 and Brian Naig were married Aug. 28, 2010. Michelle received a master's degree in education with a concentration in communication disorders from North Carolina Central University in 2006. She is a speech language pathologist with Johnston Health in Smithfield.

Lindsay E. Walker '04 and Cameron McCall were married June 19, 2010. Lindsay received a master of public health degree from UNC Greensboro.

Aanchal Agarwal '05 and Nitin Gupta were married May 29, 2010. Aanchal is the CEO of her family business, Rug & Home Inc. She has an international business degree and is enrolled in the executive MBA program at Columbia University.

The latest artistic venture for Bonnie England '05, former owner of Bottega Art and Wine, is Projekte, an all-encompassing art center and working studio, which focuses on the diversity of art-making processes She is the winner of encore's 2010 Best Artist Award.

Anna Herndon '05 and Jon Starcala were married May 15, 2010. She is an accountant with Worsley Operating Corp. They reside in Leland.

Lindsav E. Hicks '05 and Brian C. Jovce '05 were married Oct. 24, 2009.

Stephanie L. Jordan '05 and Paul R. Kelley Jr. were married June 19, 2010. Stephanie is a special education teacher with Wake County Public Schools. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Timothy R. Kane '05 and his wife Susan announce the birth of their first child, Ryan Donovan, on June 5, 2010. Timothy is a social studies teacher with Wake County Public Schools. They reside in Durham

Douglas E. Kesling '05M is the 2009 American Academy of Underwater Sciences recipient of the Conrad Limbaugh Memorial Award for Scientific Diving Leadership. Doug is the manager of the Advanced Diving Technology Program at UNCW's Center for Marine Science.

Amy K. Pyles '05 and Lucas J. Strobush were married Dec. 5, 2009 Amy is a research chemist with BASF in Research Triangle Park

Heather L. Smith '05 and Roger L. Cooke II '04 were married Oct. 10, 2009. Heather is a clinical research associate with PPD Inc. and holds an MBA degree. Roger is an instructor at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune and is pursuing a master's degree in international relations.

Candace L. Williams '05 '07M and Dustin A. Heath '05 were married June 19. 2010. Candace teaches third grade in Pender County Schools, and Dustin is the manager of Aquatic Safaris in

London B. Williamson '05 and Scott C. Schmidt '05 were married May 22, 2010. London is a development manager with Easter Seals UCP of North Carolina and Virginia. Scott is a sales manager with Carolina Creations Landscape in Shallotte. The couple lives in Oak Island.

Kelly D. Brinson '05 and Kortney R. Wilson were married June 12, 2010. Kelly is employed by the Drug Safety Alliance in Durham. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Katie Till Bork '07 and her husband Mathew '06 and announce the birth of their first child, Randal Jean, on Jan.

Mary R. Crook '06 and Christopher J. Skinner were married May 22, 2010. Mary is a credit analyst with Paragon Commercial Bank in Raleigh.

Courtney M. Hall '06 and Jeremy M. Tavares were married Jan. 16, 2010. Courtney is employed by East Carolina Bank in Greenville, where the couple resides.

Kerri L. Holliday '06 and James I. Harris III '07 were married July 10, 2010. Kerri is a pre-K teacher with New Hanover County Schools. James, who earned a bachelor of science in nursing from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, is a registered nurse with New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The couple resides in Carolina Beach.

Author of Band of Sisters: American Women at War in Iraq and The Girls Come Marching Home: Stories of Women Warriors Returning from the War in Iraq, Kirsten Holmstedt '06M is the writer-in-residence at the College of William and Mary Department of English. Her course, titled "Writing Stories that Make a Difference,' focuses on creative nonfiction

Jennifer A. Murphy '06 received a master's degree in education from Elon University.

Kimberly Page '06 is the producer of News 10 at 11 on WALB- TV in Albany, Ga.

Curtis N. Snyder '06 graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.Y.

Justin R. Taylor '06 and Sarah Stainback were married Nov. 7, 2009. Justin received his juris doctorate from North Carolina Central University School of Law and is employed by Lender's Title and Escrow, LLC.

Rvan Cappellari '07 is the business/ product development manager at Capps Home Building Center, his family owned business based in Smith Mountain Lake, Va.

Jessica L. Condrey '07 and Steven Nelson '06 were married Oct. 17, 2009. Steven serves on the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors and is the director of youth ministries for St. John's Episcopal Church in Wilmington, where the couple resides

Claire Robbins Davis '07 and her husband David Franklin announce the birth of a son, Parker David, on April 7, 2010.

Genille C. Goldson '07 is the assistant director of residence life for Peace College and holds a master's degree in higher education administrationstudent affairs from NC State University

Emily Hanks '07 enrolled in the doctoral program in clinical health psychology at UNC Charlotte and is a member of the Post-traumatic Growth Research

Brent Havs '07 is the personal lines sales executive for the Jacksonville branch office of SIA Group, a full-service insurance agency.

Jessica Joyner '07 was promoted to director of alumni relations at Campbell University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

Laura Neal '07 graduated from Campbell Law School and is an attorney with DeMent Askew, LLP, in Raleigh.

Alisha J. Oliver '07M was designated as the technology risk consultant in charge for Deloitte & Touche's audit client, Lowes Corporation.

Lora Prevatte '07, '08M is an associate with the Mount Pleasant, S.C.,-based Moody CPAs and Advisors, LLC.

Logan C. Wilber '07 received a Master of Science degree from Winthrop University on May 6, 2010

Josh Eddings '08 is one of the producers of "Red Fish Can't Jump," a nature documentary advocating the protection of the red drum which premiered in April 2010.

Stacey Jarosewicz '08 and Norton B. Baker were married June 19, 2010. Stacey is pursuing a master's degree in counselor education at East Carolina University and teaches at Wallace Elementary School. The couple resides in Surf City.

Steven McMurray '08M received the Distinguished Master's Thesis Award in the Life Sciences in 2010 for his work on Caribbean giant barrel sponges. His work led him to develop the first technique for reattaching large sponges back onto the reef. He also received the 2010 Walter B. Jones Award for Excellence in Coastal and Marine Graduate Studies, which is administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

William H. Morgan II '08M and Kasie S. Setzer were married Aug. 14, 2010. William is employed at Pharpoint Research in Chapel Hill. They reside in Durham.

Sallie Smyth '08, '10 ${\rm M}$ is the program coordinator for Cape Fear Future, an initiative of the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce to promote economic development.

Philip Stone '08 has opened an Edward Jones Investments in Rockingham. He is a deacon at Rourk Presbyterian Church and vice president of the Gideon's International Richmond North Camp.

Jennifer K. Wrenn '08 and Jody M. Williamson were married July 17. 2010. Jennifer is employed with Richmond County Schools. The couple resides in Rockingham.

Leeanne Zeznock '08M and Thomas Bruin '07, '09M were married Aug. 28, 2010. Both work and live in the Netherlands with their infant daughter, Sadie Adelvn

Matthew Stevens '09 graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J.

Stephen "Andy" Darnell '09M passed all four parts of the Uniform Certified Public Accountant Exam and earned the designation of Certified Public Accountant. He works at Pittard, Perry & Crone Inc. and lives in New Bern with his wife, Lauryn

Caleb Waller '09 and Sarah Graham were married May 22, 2010.

Amber Wilson '09 completed training in the U.S. Peace Corps in May 2010 and is working with information and technologies systems in the Dominican Republic.

2010s

Bryan J. Black '10 and Erica D. Hutchins were married July 10, 2010. Bryan is enrolled in graduate school at the University of Texas in Arlington, where he has received a research and teaching assistant fellowship. The couple resides in Grand Prairie,

Jonathan T. Chadwick '10 and Marian J. Chopelas were married June 5. 2010. Jonathan is employed by Planet Fitness and serves with the Carolina Beach Fire Department. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Sarah Fann '10 was awarded a yearlong Fulbright fellowship to study in Townsville, Queensland, Australia. She will be conducting research on the effects of coral decline on the diversity and abundance of fish species in the Great Barrier Reef.

Amber Griggs '10 and Tyler Harrison were married Aug. 21, 2010. They reside in Wilmington.

Kira Malatchi '10 is a teacher in Kuwait.

Kendall Martin '10 is pursuing a master's degree in art history at West Virginia University.

Kvle L. Melton '10 and Jewel M. McDonald were married May 22. 2010. Kyle is employed by Harris

Michael Powell '10 won first prize in the sixth annual Reef/Sweet Pro-Am Surf Fest and won the 2010 National Scholastic Surfing Association college men's championship. While working at Northwestern Mutual, he plans to continue surfing nationwide.

FRIENDS

Frank Ainsley, 65, passed away June 17, 2010. During his 36-year career in UNCW's Department of Geography and Geology, he received numerous recognitions including N.C. Geography Educator of the Year and UNC Board of Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence.

Mary D. Bellamy, 84, passed away July 27, 2010. She was taught at Wilmington College and retired from the University of North Carolina Wilmington with emeritus status

Stanley Colbert, 82, passed away Sept. 21, 2010, in Toronto, Canada. A producer, director, screenwriter, publishing executive and literary agent, Colbert was a distinguished visiting professor of creative writing at UNCW. In 2000, he founded the Publishing Laboratory. In recog nition of his achievements and his dedication to UNCW, he was awarded an honorary doctorate of fine arts in 1999.

Juanita M. Krepps, 89, a former member of the UNCW Board of Trustees, passed away July 5, 2010. She was a former U.S. Secretary of Commerce and Duke University economist

Helen M. Willetts, 86, passed away April 9, 2010. She was a choral director on the original faculty of Wilmington College and served on the UNCW Foundation Board.



learning never ends

Biology students at South Brunswick High School can consider themselves lucky to have **Victoria Hoff '05** as their teacher.

After transferring from Virginia Tech, Hoff graduated from UNCW with a bachelor's degree in marine biology then started work toward a master's degree. However, after just a year, Hoff decided to switch gears and studied for her licensure in education. Her goal as a teacher is to bring current, applicable topics to the students in her classroom. She wants them doing the science and investigating the world, especially when the local ecosystems are so diverse and readily available.

So, to uphold her goal and gain further hands-on experience that she has missed greatly since leaving UNCW, Hoff applied for a grant that Brunswick County offers a few teachers every summer to participate in research around the country for up to a week.

She was ecstatic when luck brought her back to her alma mater for four days to work with professor Lawrence Cahoon as he wrapped up two years of research, collecting sediment samples for microbiology living in the surf zone sand. The samples also served as a reference baseline in the event oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill would have reached the North Carolina coastline.

The chance to do real lab and fieldwork again had Hoff excited to return to school in the fall and share her experiences with her classes. She adamantly believes that all teachers, science teachers especially, should remain up-to-date on the developments in the world and remember they are never done learning themselves.

"They need to get out in this dynamic world; 'facts' we know are never set in stone," Hoff said. "After all, Pluto's not a planet anymore. Science is not perfect and is constantly evolving."

Amanda Kahn (left) '04M. '08 Ph.D. is a visiting professor at the University of North Florida who returned to Wilmington this summer for some postdoctorial research. She is studying the productivity of surf zone phytoplankton. She says that the research project she has designed with UNCW professor Lawerence Cahoon will be the "first research insitu measurement" for the surf zone phytoplankton and could open new methods and protocol for marine biology research of this understudied ecosystem. Also, along with Victoria Hoff (right), she helped Cahoon complete his sediment sampling research funded by N.C. SeaGrant.

Move over Dostoyevsky Sarah Onyshko '12

"Move over, Dostoyevsky – Mila Austin has arrived!" says a reviewer of *Earrings for a Black Day*, **Mila Austin's '05** novel about life in Russia before and during Perestroika and the 10-year war in Afghanistan.

Austin immigrated to the United States in 2000 after spending years developing software for Soviet military defense systems. She continued her education at the University of North Carolina Wilmington where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

No matter where Austin went, people peppered her with questions about life in Russia, so she began writing short stories to elaborate on her answers until she eventually compiled them into a screenplay. In 2007, her work reached the semifinals in the Monterey (Calif.) County screenplay competition. One of the San Francisco's producers asked Austin to add more details; the screenplay grew in length and depth and become a novel. Austin believes she never would have written the book if it were not for the others — and their curiosity — pushing her.

Earrings for a Black Day is a work of fiction that is based on the real events the author witnessed during her life in Soviet Union. Austin said she felt that it was her mission to explain Russian history and culture in a way Americans could understand, showing the life of the Soviet people and distinguishing their feelings and actions from those of the government.

"When I came to America, I was amazed – the propaganda on TV here and in Russia, it was the same," she observed. "I wanted to deliver the 'insider's' view and share with Americans my love and pain about my country by telling a sincere story."

One of the points she emphasizes strongly in her novel is the opposition of views about perestroika in America and Russia. She illustrates how and why many Russians feel that Gorbachev was sent by Satan to destroy their country by taking away their dream of Communism, a dream costing 70 years of hard work and countless sacrifices and lives.

Using the characters of young beautiful girl Lena and Afghanistan veteran officers Victor and Sergey, the author shows how the Soviet people achieved a new spiritual growth and transition from atheism back to Christianity in a search for purpose in life.

Austin now lives in California. She says, "I love both countries. I believe that people in America and Russia have a lot in common and should live in peace. No mother wants her son to die in war.

"It wasn't easy for me to write the book in my second language, but I had to do it, because it was the only way I could explain some specific concepts and words that simply don't exist in English. I hope this book will help illustrate the Russian mentality."

Austin invites readers to share their opinions on the book by writing to her at MilaAustin@gmail.com.



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